

SENATE BILL 2163

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to teacher training.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Educator preparation providers approved by the state board of education must require each candidate enrolled in the provider's educator preparation program to successfully complete at least one (1) course each semester on reading instruction.

(b) Each course or series of courses required by an educator preparation provider pursuant to this section must teach candidates how to provide effective reading instruction to persons in each of the following developmental or educational periods:

- (1) Early childhood;
- (2) Pre-kindergarten;
- (3) Kindergarten through grade four (K-4);
- (4) Grades five through eight (5-8);
- (5) Grades nine through twelve (9-12); and
- (6) Adult.

(c) The state board shall revoke the board's approval of an educator preparation provider if the educator preparation provider fails to comply with this section.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2022-2023 academic year and each academic year thereafter.